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SUBJECT: CSCE: MEETING OF EXPERTS TO PREPARE THE
'SCIENTIFIC FORUM'

1. THE FIRST POST-BELGRADE CSCE MEETING TOOK PLACE
IN BONN FROM JUNE 20 TO JULY 28, 1978. THE MEETING
WAS A MEETING OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE 35
PARTICIPATING STATES TO PLAN THE "SCIENTIFIC
FORUM". BOTH THE "FORUM", WHICH WILL BRING
TOGETHER LEADING SCIENTISTS FROM THE PARTICI-
PATING STATES, AND THE EXPERTS' MEETING WERE
ORIGINALLY FORESEEN IN THE FINAL ACT AND CONFIRMED
IN THE BELGRADE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

2. THE US ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THE POST-BELGRADE
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EXPERTS' MEETINGS AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING CONCRETE
PROGRESS IN SPECIFIC AREAS COVERED BY THE FINAL
ACT. SINCE THE EXPERTS' MEETINGS ARE THE ONLY
MULTILATERAL CSCE GATHERINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE
BETWEEN THE BELGRADE AND MADRID MEETINGS, THEY
WILL ALSO PLAY A ROLE IN DEMONSTRATING THE CONTINUED
COMMITMENT OF FINAL ACT SIGNATORIES TO MAINTAINING
THE MOMENTUM OF THE CSCE PROCESS. THE BONN

PREPARATORY MEETING WAS THE FIRST OF THREE

WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE MADRID REVIEW MEETING. IN OCTOBER, EXPERTS WILL MEET IN MONTREUX TO DISCUSS THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND IN FEBRUARY, 1979 EXPERTS WILL MEET IN VALLETTA TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ISSUES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" WILL BE IN FEBRUARY 1980 IN HAMBURG.

3. THE EXPERTS CONCLUDED THEIR MEETING BY AGREEING ON A REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE WEST TO PRESERVE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MEETINGS OF EXPERTS CONDUCTED UNDER THE CSCE UMBRELLA AND THOSE MORE FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL GET-TOGETHERS SUCH AS BELGRADE AND MADRID. THEREFORE, THE EXPERTS WERE NOT EMPOWERED TO MAKE DECISIONS, BUT, RATHER, REPORTED TO GOVERNMENTS WHO WILL AGREE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. SINCE THE BONN MEETING WAS ALSO A PREPARATORY MEETING, THE ONLY DISCUSSION WAS ON ISSUES OF AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION FOR THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM". GENERAL CSCE REVIEW ISSUES WERE NOT RAISED, WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

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4. THE UK, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, AND SUPPORTED BY THE US AND THE OTHER EC-9 COUNTRIES, DID DELIVER A STATEMENT ON THE SHCHARANSKY AND ORLOV TRIALS. THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES ARGUED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WERE OUT OF PLACE IN A TECHNICAL-LEVEL MEETING, BUT CHOSE NOT TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE QUESTION. THE US WORKED CLOSELY WITH ITS NATO ALLIES, A COOPERATION WHICH SHOWED ITS WORTH IN THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

5. FULL TEXT OF THE REPORT AGREED BY THE EXPERTS FOLLOWS. FOR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS OF THE REPORT.

A. THEMES: THE SPECIFIC THEMES SET FORTH IN THE AGENDA (ITEM TWO) ARE MEANT TO SET THE "FORUM" APART FROM NORMAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS BY FOCUSING ON TRENDS AND BASIC RESEARCH.

B. MANDATE: THE FULL QUOTATION OF THE FINAL ACT

LANGUAGE ESTABLISHING THE "FORUM, MAKES CLEAR THE LINK BETWEEN DISCUSSION OF CONTACTS, COMMUNICATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND THE THEMES OF THE AGENDA.

C. FRAMEWORK: THIS LAST PARAGRAPH IN THE REPORT IS MEANT TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES TO "FORUM" PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIFIC THEMES. THE WEST INSISTED ON THIS LANGUAGE TO MAKE CLEAR, AGAIN, THAT THE "FORUM" IS NOT MEANT TO BE A PURELY SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS AND TO ENSURE THE RIGHT OF SCIENTISTS TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF CONTACTS.

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D. RECOMMENDATIONS: THE "FORUM" MAY DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS ABOUT FUTURE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. WHILE THIS POSES SOME DANGER OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CSCE PROCESS, THE WEST AGREED TO COMPROMISE WORDING SINCE, IF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FORMULATED, WESTERN PARTICIPANTS CAN RAISE HUMAN CONTACTS ISSUES.

E. CLOSED MEETINGS: WHILE THE WEST WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED OPEN MEETINGS, THE WEIGHT OF CSCE PRECEDENCE ARGUED AGAINST THIS. HOWEVER, UNDER THE RULES OF CSCE PROCEDURE, THE PLENARY CAN DECLARE INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IF IT SO CHOOSES.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF REPORT:

OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND THEIR NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, FORESEEN BY THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE AND THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING 1977 TO PREPARE THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM"

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING 1977, THE MEETING OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE PARTICIPATING STATES AND THEIR NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, FORESEEN BY THE FINAL ACT, TOOK PLACE IN BONN, UPON THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FROM 20 JUNE
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TO 28 JULY 1978 IN ORDER TO PREPARE A "SCIENTIFIC FORUM,.

DURING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE MEETING THE

PARTICIPANTS WERE WELCOMED BY DR. HILDEGARD HAM-BRUCHER, MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

DURING THE FIRST WORKING SESSION REPRESENTATIVES OF UNESCO AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE STATED THEIR VIEWS.

THE MEETING OF EXPERTS DREW UP THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DATE, PLACE, DURATION, AGENDA AND OTHER MODALITIES OF THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM":

THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" WILL BE HELD IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, IN THE FORM OF A MEETING OF LEADING PERSONALITIES IN SCIENCE FROM THE PARTICIPATING STATES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTENTION OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE TO BROADEN AND IMPROVE CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND THUS TO CONTINUE THE MULTILATERAL PROCESS INITIATED BY THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE.

I. AGENDA

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM";
ADDRESS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY;
CONTRIBUTIONS BY UNESCO AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE;

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OPENING STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DELEGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES.

2. DISCUSSION OF INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE, AND PROMOTION OF EXPANSION OF CONTACTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND AMONG SCIENTISTS.

IN THIS CONTEXT THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND SUBJECTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED:

-- EXACT AND NATURAL SCIENCES

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, IN PARTICULAR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH, IN THE FIELDS OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND FOOD PRODUCTION;

-- MEDICINE

CURRENT TRENDS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, IN PARTICULAR IN BASIC RESEARCH AND PRIMARILY ON CARDIOVASCULAR, TUMOR AND VIRUS DISEASES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT ON HUMAN HEALTH;

-- THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COMPARATIVE STUDIES ON SOCIAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL PHENOMENA, ESPECIALLY THE PROBLEMS OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

3. CLOSING STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DELEGATIONS
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OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES.

4. FORMAL CLOSURE OF THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM,.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND OTHER MODALITIES

1. THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1980 AT 10 A.M. IN HAMBURG, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ITS DURATION SHALL BE OF TWO WEEKS.

2. AGENDA ITEM 2 WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE PLENARY AND IN THE APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES ON, RESPECTIVELY, THE EXACT AND NATURAL SCIENCES, MEDICINE AND THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.- OTHER SUBSIDIARY -BODIES MAY BE SET UP RM" BY THE PLENARY, WHICH IS THE MAIN BODY OF THE "FORUM", TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

3. AGENDA ITEMS 1, 3 AND 4 WILL BE DEALT WITH IN OPEN PLENARY MEETINGS.

4. INVITATIONS TO UNESCO AND THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE TO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS REFERRED TO IN ITEM 1 OF THE AGENDA WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

THE PLENARY MAY DECIDE TO INVITE THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES.

5. THE OPENING AND CLOSING STATEMENTS INDICATED IN ITEMS 1 AND 3 OF THE AGENDA MAY BE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DELEGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES IF THEY DESIRE TO DO SO. THE STATEMENTS, AS A RULE, SHOULD NOT EXCEED 15 MINUTES PER DELEGATION.

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6. CONTRIBUTIONS PERTAINING TO ITEM 2 OF THE AGENDA MAY BE SENT IN THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS - PREFERABLY NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" - TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WHO WILL CIRCULATE THEM TO THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

7. IF THE PLENARY SO DECIDES, THE "FORUM" MAY, AS A RESULT OF ITS PROCEEDINGS, DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING SUCH DEALING WITH WHAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT IN DUE COURSE BE TAKEN BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE CSCE WITH RESPECT TO THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM".

THE RESULTS OF THE "FORUM" MAY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AS APPROPRIATE, BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES AT THE MADRID MEETING.

8. THE CHAIR AT THE OPENING AND CLOSING PLENARY MEETINGS SHALL BE TAKEN BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. AFTER THE OPENING MEETING THE CHAIR SHALL BE TAKEN IN DAILY ROTATION, IN FRENCH ALPHABETICAL ORDER, STARTING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DELEGATION OF BULGARIA.

9. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL DESIGNATE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM". THIS DESIGNATION SHOULD BE AGREED TO BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES. THE SERVICES OF A TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY.

10. OTHER RULES OF PROCEDURE, WORKING METHODS, AND THE SCALE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE EXPENSES OF

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THE CSCE WILL, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, BE APPLIED TO THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM".

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IN ADDRESSING ITSELF TO AGENDA ITEM 2 IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE "SCIENTIFIC FORUM" SHOULD BEAR IN MIND PRESENT RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND GOALS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AS WELL AS THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE NEEDS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, INCLUDING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS, INTER-

DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES AND THE DIFFERENT LEVELS
OF SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING STATES.
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